From LOUISVILLE To the SEA

A Soldier's Diary of the Civil War.

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While our efforts have been directed to ward driving the Confederate raiders away from our "cracker line," an element almost as dangerous has appeared in our very midst—the mud that has followed the very midst—the mad that has followed the line was a little of the work. The sound was the line was the li

mouths could empty them; but it is now doubly so, for the level road of the valley, then in good condition, has now become as difficult, by reason of mud-hole, as the steep declivities of the mountain road.

We who guard the "cracker line" are kept in constant road.

We who guard the "cracker line" are kept in constant readiness day and night for expected attacks, but our Army at Chattanooga is undisturbed by such a fear, as no attack there seems probable, and on notsenack, with several attendants, toward Chattanooga—all well bespattered with mud. The report is that he is going to extricate us from our perilous position. After traversing the route our wagons must follow he must be impressed with fear, as no attack there seems probable, nor does the enemy interfere while our boys burrow with pick and spade in plain view from the hights of Mission Ridge and Lookout Mountain.

Bragg, from his Headquarters on the Ridge, looks down upon his cronching foe. yet dares not tempt the degree of such

of such men as fought at Shiloh with backs to the Tennessee, striking down upon that bloody field the flower of Johns-ton's Army. He looks beyond our trenches with greater interest, where the Cumber-land Mountains hide our precarious lines of transportation from his view, and hopes for the success of his bold raiders whose work of destruction, if thoroughly performed, will tame defiant spirits with the

WHEELER'S BAIDERS.

The whereabouts of Wheeler's raiders has been a question of such vital interest to us that it always absorbed the larger part of our discussions of the military situation. Oct. 7 they are reported far to the westward of us, with our cavalry in but pursuit in hot pursuit.

Our interest in Wheeler having subsided. we look with anxiety for the approach of reinforcements, for without them we will soon be reduced to desperate straits by short rations. The wear and tear of wagons and mules is slowly but surely depriving us of the means to supply our army at Chattanooga. Each trip is made with fewer wagons and lighter loads at longer intervals, while the debris and car-eases on the roadside are increased, marking the most desperate mud-holes and the steepest declivities.

A little more than five weeks ago the

comrades of our brigade, endeared to us by participation in the same marches, battles, and campaigns, marched away from us at Caperton's Ferry to the bloody field of Chickamauga, without an oppor-tunity for them or for us to say "Good-by, hoys." Our parting, after such long service together, was unexpected and sudden. Since that date no orders have come to us from our brigade, division, or corps commanders, but we have tried to obey various orders from various officers. Our orders received Oct. 9 come direct from Gen. Rosecrans that we shall proceed to Chattanooga by the Haley Road as soon as the regiment appointed to relieve us

Oct. 10, before the arrival of the regi-

and was accepted as a happy indication that the "cracker line" is in working or-der. We therefore attended divine service -a rare privilege-with thankful hearts, for the cutting off of our rations is a deprivation easier to endure than the interruption or the destruction of letters and

were sent out to work on the Sequatchie bridge and the road to Jasper.

Oct. 14 brought more rain, more mud. more dead mules, more work for our boys in the woods-more everything bad, less everything good-especially rations. But what care we, who are well housed in our everything good—especially rations. But what care we, who are well housed in our comfortable cabins, with boarded walls, canvas roofs, brick fireplaces, bright fires, and nothing to do? Our particular "shehave a real door and half window sash, only three lights missing, but replaced with colly three lights missing, but replaced with colly three lights missing, but replaced with calls he does not thrust himself into our very midst without even a "Hello;" but he kneeks at our fear, does not thrust himself into our very midst without even a "Hello;" but he kneeks at our fear, does not thrust disable to the night in a deserted cabin, we reached the summit and looked down we reached the summit and looked down we reached the summit and looked down with admiration into the Sequether. We were not so we reached the summit and looked down with admiration into the Sequether. We were not so we reached the summit and looked down with admiration into the Sequether value with admiration into the Sequether value, where I took shelter from the storm. It was a that part of the night in a deserted cabin, we reached the summit and looked down with admiration into the Sequether value, where I took shelter from the storm. It was a that prove irregular than the day before. We were ordered under arms at daybreak and lety, whence we came. We were not so we came. We were not so we came. We were not so we came that the summit and looked down with admiration into the Sequether value with admiration into the Sequethe knocks at our front door and waits until we scrutinize him through our win-dow, and demand "Whom do you wish to

returning from Chattanooga by the river road, were fired on by the enemy from the opposite bank. Believing that they Grant's arriv had encountered a small party, they put spure to their borses to run the gnuntlet.

So little information about expected re-inforcements has reached us lately that we had almost ceased to speak about it, and little information about expected re-lated to speak about it, and little information and immediately proceeded to carry it into execution. were therefore agreeably surprised Oct.

19, when three regiments belonging to Fifteen hundred men embarked in pon with orders to relieve us. They were the 27th and 73d Pa. and the 33d N. J. Our Ohio regiment—the 198th—started at once for Anderson's Crossroads, while are ordered. nooga; starvation will ensue so much sooner. We must open the way to carry our line of supplies with us,

plans, or we will soon break through the bounds he has set for us. With Hooker guarding the line to Nashville and Sherman marching up the Tennessee and daily expected to arrive, the Army of the Cumberland may become restless and no longer. We watched the experiment with great interest, and for a while were undecided.

"It is I who should ask longer that if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." "It is I who should ask longer that if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." "It is I who should ask longer that if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." "It is I who should ask longer that if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." "It is I who should ask longer that is the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." "It is I who should ask longer than the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." "It is I who should ask longer than the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." It is I who should ask longer than the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." It is I who should ask longer than the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." It is I who should ask longer than the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." It is I who should ask longer than the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." It is I who should ask longer than the replied; "but if you love me, do not question me about that dreadful night." be content to burrow in the clay at the feet of our besiegers, and for a while were undecided about roing ahead with our permanent imwas of our besiegers.

"Tableau."—Scene 1—Camp of the regiment at Anderson's Crossroads, Nov. 8. Adjutant's tent, furnished with pine floor brick freplace and blazing fire. The Maself over "Maj. Jones's Courtship." The Adjutant stretched on a bunk reading "Military Law." The Orderly squatting on an ammunition box close to the fire (no



PUSHING AND PULLING WAGONS AND ARTILLERY UP THE STEEP SIDE OF WALDEN'S RIDGE.

Oct. 29 relieved our two weeks' isolation, of the mail after two weeks' delay. during which time we have remained in almost total ignorance of events outside our camp. We now learn that Rosecrans has been displaced by Thomas, and that upon Anderson's Crossroads and our faces miscrable place.

Grant has assumed the chief command of toward the mountains, in company with Gilbert was si

Oct. 12, five companies of our regiment Oct. 30, cannonading—the first we have heard since the battle of Chickamauga— and pulling wagons and artillery up the was borne faintly to our ears from the direction of Chattanooga. Can it be that coadside was littered with the broken and Grant is already opening the new "cracker" charred remains of many supply wagons

300, as their blackened remains testify to seends into Chattanooga Valley, six miles above the city. Here we enjoyed another above the city. Here we enjoyed another sublime view, so unlike the level expanse of our own Prairie State. Down into the field. within an hour may tempt him to repeat

Nov. 1 we learned that our surmise that Grant's arrival at Chattanooga had something to do with the cannonading was correct. It is said that he was so but the farther they rode the faster flew impressed with the growing difficulty of the bullets. Two then sought shelter in a house, and are missing, while the other did not attempt to change his wet clothtwo crawled up the side of the mountain ing until he informed himself about plans and escaped to camp.

the motormed himself about plans for opening the short route to Bridge-port, so tenacionally held by the enemy, the adopted a plan already formed by Research and Thomas, and immediately proceeded to carry it into execution. Fifteen hundred men embarked in post-toons at Chattanosoga on the night of the Zith, floated silently down the river, unobserved by the enemy's pickets, and landed to their side at Brown's Ferry, just below Lookout Mountain. There the bridge was rapidly constructed by the pontoniers while the soldiers, leaping from the properties of the right bank at the same time, and were ready to cross on the completion of the bridge. What's the matter?' inquired others, and fortifications made his attempt fuffle. Two days later Brings attempted to child soldier the soldiers, learned the soldiers and the soldiers are soldiers and fortifications made his attempt fuffle. What's the matter?' inquired others, and of the soldiers are soldiers and fortifications made his attempt fuffle. What's the matter?' inquired others, and fortifications made his attempt fuffle. What's the matter?' inquired others, and because it is shorter line for suppliers is now of open to Chattanooga. Several light-draft seamed the summand the wood beyond, where the sound of chopping and the soldiers are soldiers. How work is supplied as a shorter line for supplies is now of open to Chattanooga.

Not. 3 we were notified that our regiment had been assigned to the Fourteenth of Corps, Second Division, Second Brigade, solding the soldiers and the soldiers are soldiers. It is not the soldiers are soldiers and the soldiers are soldiers. It is not the soldiers are soldiers and the soldiers are soldiers. It is not the soldiers are soldiers and the soldiers are soldiers. It is not the soldiers are soldiers and the soldiers are soldiers. It is not the soldiers are soldier Ohio regiment—the 168th—started at on their side at Brown's Ferry, just beonce for Anderson's Crossroads, while we low Lookout Mountain. There the bridge are ordered to follow. Evidently no reinforcements can be thrown into Chatta-We broke camp Oct. 20. Reaching to dislodge this force, but reinforcements and fortifications made his attenue to the companies, and a few miles farther. Jasper, we picked up our five detached companies, and a few miles farther came to the Little Sequenchie, which we had to ford, after stripping to the waist. The water was three feet deep and icy cold, steambonts run from Stevenson and so that when we emerged our faces were Bridgeport to Kelley's Ferry, whence sup

blue and teeth chattering, while the water-line across our bodies felt like the track of a buzz-saw.

us shelter—without invitation, the Michiganders and salva all being absent at work on the mean party all being absent at the mean party all being abse ganders nearly all being absent at work on and also by Chattanooga Creek. By muthe road, which here begins the ascent of tual agreement, no firing is permitted, and

One of the owners of the tent appropriated by our mess was somewhat disconcerted to find it occupied when he returned from the performance of some duty, but we kindly allowed him to enter and share with us the cold comfort it afforded.

Some extent, as well as the swapping of combread and coffee.

We are surprised to find the newspapers filled with abuse of Rosecrans—such out rageous charges as cowardice, incompetent teries in position, which it would be our duty, but we kindly allowed him to enter the ce, disobedience of orders and opinm, at the foot of Lookout Mountain, but separated from it by the Tennessee River. Here we found two batteries in position, which it would be our duty, but we kindly allowed him to enter the ce, disobedience of orders and opinm.

All because he failed to defeat Bragg at Chickamanga. But Bragg is also condensed by the enemy's pickets.

As we approached our attention was discontinuous control of the control

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL. or tilted back in a chair smiling to him-elf over "Maj. Jones's Courtship." The



cour the country, and returned with two | (Voice without) "Mail's come." The Ma-

Such is a literal picture of the arrival A FORWARD MOVEMENT.

At sunrise Nov. 11 we turned our backs Oct. 30, cannonading—the first we have heard since the battle of Chickamauga—was borne faintly to our cars from the direction of Chattanooga. Cap it he direction of Chattanooga. Cap it he direction of Chattanooga. line?" We hope so, and welcome the sound of cannon, for anything is better than the silence of starvation.

He hope so, and welcome the and the decomposing carcasses of mules. But we felt repaid for our labor when we reached the summit and looked down

sublime view, so unlike the level expanse of our own Prairie State. Down into the yalley we descended by a zig-zag road two S miles in length and encamped in the deep shadow of the mountain, which towered

between us and the setting sun, Nov. 13 we marched 12 miles, reaching Dallas at 4 p. m., where we found Col. R. F. Smith's Brigade encamped. The town was scarcely visible, as the troops had converted the building into buts, while the brick Coart House furnished the material for chimneys. No sooner had we broken ranks than there was a scramble

Marched 15 miles, encamping near a large spring.

We started early Oct. 21, and so did the rain, and it kept company with us all day. Another branch of the Sequatchie all day. Another branch of the Sequatchie and Col. John G. Mitchell.

River blocked our way and gave us a mount our crossing. Once safely over we camped on the bank, while the wind blew cold and rain fell in torrents. The half-deserted camp of the 10th Mich. afforded us shelter—without invitation, the Michi.

UNDER FIRE FROM LOOKOUY.

We reached Chattanooga Nov. 15 and rethe road, which here begins the ascent of Walden's Ridge, and must be traversed by our wagons on the way to Chattaneoga, on both sides, it is still carried on to some extent, as well as the swapping of Moccasin Point, at the foot of Lookout

and share with us the cold comfort its forded.

THYING TIMES IN THE OLD 34TH ILL. Oct. 23 our three wagons started for Stevenson under escort of the Quartermaster and 30 men to procure rations—our supply being almost exhausted.

Oct. 24 we removed our location a short distance to the ground just vacanted by the charges against Roserans 10th Ill., where remained material capable of being converted into cabins. Bricks and great demand for fireplaces and for the time of the control of

her strange actions that he could not fathom. What was the secret of her mys

provements; but, to our great relief, our battery of 32-pounders, occupying the works directly in front of us, began to reply to our antagonist and soon silenced him for the time, but the duel was renewed at regular intervals during the day and even during the night.

Once assured that we were in no special danger, we could watch with interest are ill, or will be so unless you remain are ill, or will be so unless you remain

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return?"

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terious journey the night before? What

ever it was, it was evident that she did

not wish to make it known.
"I ought to go to Darkwood," she said,

after a moment's silence, "but-I-can

"But you will not leave me? You will

"I expect to return at the earliest possible moment. When the inquest is com-pleted, I suppose you will have the—body

"Yes-yes. I will leave the matter in your hands, if you will take the responsi-

bility."

"Then you need give the matter no further thought. I shall see to everything.

Are there any relatives to be notified?

An hour later Gilbert left Pine Hall and rode in the direction of Darkwood.

When he arrived in the village he found that the inquest was already in progress.

"I want to have a little private talk with you," he said. "This business has taken rather a queer turn, and for the life

of me I don't know what to make of it."

"Any new developments in the case?"

"Well, yes, and that is just what I want to speak about. How long did you say you had known Col. Withers?"

"You know nothing about his business affairs, then?"

Gilbert into his private room.

When it was finished the landlord called

she broke in, in an appealing

disturb the peace and quiet of our camps. Now they would direct their shells away to our right, where Hooker's riflepits were visible; now to our left into the suburbs of Chattanooga, and now directly toward us. When the shells pass to right or left we hear their shrill whistle, but when we are the object, we first see a flash, then a puff of white smoke, followed by a dead silence of suspense, during which we may count five in as many seconds, and also speculate as to whether the range is lower this time and the shell traveling down a bee-line beginning at the muzzle of the cannon and ending between eyes. The question is soon settled; the shell always arrives on time, and if the fuse is rightly cut, bursts directly overhead, while almost at the same instant the report of a gun reaches our ears, producing the curious impression that the gun remained silent and the shell exploded

(To be continued.)

THE DARKWOOD MYSTERY. (Continued from fifth page.)

She shivered, clinging to him convuls-"I was so filled with dreauful anxiety when I heard that you were missing from home." he said feelingly, "that I could hardly endure the suspense, God is very good to me to bring you safely back."

"You know nothing about his business "You are so good to come to me at this ne," she said faintly, "I—I need you much. You have come from—from "I left there little more than an hour

ago."
There will be an—an inquest?" she

take this bitter cup of anguish from your lips."

She caught his hands and pressed a liss upon his cheek." 3

"You are so good," she sobbed. "What would I have done without you!"

Her hands were like ice, yet her lips were burning as with a fever. He held her trembling form in his arms, murnuring words of consolation.

Presently she grew more calm.

"You saw the—bod,"? she asked.

"Yes."

"And—have they found are also."

"And—have they found are also."

"I never heard of any other."

"Well, we have learned that there is a brother in Australia, Felix Withers. In the effects of the Colonel were found life insurance policies to the amount of \$50,-600. Thirty thousand of this is payable to the brother, the other \$20,000 to his nicee. As soon as the news of the Colonel's death reached the city a detective was sent at once to make an investigation of the case. Mr. Fix—that is the name of the detective—has found out discount in a few hours the colonel of the detective—has found out discount and the colonel's death reached the city a detective was sent at once to make an investigation of the case. Mr. Fix—that is the name of the detective—has found out discount and few hours the colonel's death reached the city a detective was sent at once to make an investigation of the case. Mr. Fix—that is the name of the detective—has found out discount and few hours the colonel's death reached the clonel's death reached the clonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel were found life in the effects of the Colonel's few found in the colonel's few found in the colonel's few

"Yes."
"And—have they found any clew?"
"Yes; there seems to be little doubt that the deed was committed by a young man by the name of Rush, who stopped at the Blue Stag Ihn last night."
"And they have not found this stranger was to look for a motive, and he set about to discover if any robbery had been com-mitted. It was impossible to be fully satisfied on this point, but he pushed on, letting nothing escape his notice. You re-

oct. 10, before the arrival of the regionent to relieve us, another order came from Gen. Rosecrans that both regiments to relieve us, another order came shall remain to guard this crossing, as Wheeler's raiders are broken into small detachments, one or more of which may attempt to recross the river here.

Gen. J. D. Morgan has removed his quarters from Stevenson to this point, so we shall look to him hereafter for orders while we remain.

The 108th Ohio and the two sections of Edgarton's Battery have rejoined us.

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A batch of letters and papers received.

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"He never had an enemy that I know comes the strangest part of the matter, as far as the detective is concerned. He would take no interest in the search for "No stranger has visited the place since your arrival?

Gilbert was silent for some moments.

"Oh, if you had only come sooner!" she cried, with sudden vehemence, "this dreadful thing might not have happened."

She sat wringing her hands in agony.
Gilbert looked at her, mystified by her strange words.

Therefore the life of me I could not see what he was driving at, but, meantime, those who had gone in search of Leslie Rush struck his trail at a woodcutter's cabin. An old man by the name of Newton and his wife lived in the cabin, and it appears that Rush had lost his way in the forest trange words. Gilbert was silent for some moments. ful thing might not have happened."

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in the forest, and sought shelter in the cabin. It appears that the young man was almost frozen, and fainted soon after "I might have reached here last night," mules. he said, 'but I lost my way and spent when part of the night in a deserted cabin, reaching the shelter of the hut. where I took shelter from the storm. It might have been mere fancy," he went on, "but late in the night I saw, or fanstory. As the old man and woman lifted the strange visitor to place him on a couch his hat came off, a long coil of hair

suld matter-oh, if you only knew how

Gilbert looked at her amazed, stupe She arose quickly and paced the floor, mouning andibly.
"And—it was you whom I saw?"

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tablished one of his divisions half way between Bridgeport and Chattanooga, on the south bank of the Tennessee, thereby insuring a safe route for our supply wagons by the direct road, almost within sight of Chattanooga, but the enemy still has a grip on the railroad, wagon road, and river at the foot of Lookout, which is easily avoided, however, by dodging across Moccasin Point. Rations are now more plentiful, and the day of starvation is far removed from what it appeared to be before the capture of Brown's Ferry.

It behooves Bragg now to disrupt our plans, or we will soon break through the bounds he has set for us. With Hooker of the mountain battery, and it made a bounds he has set for us. With Hooker of the mountain battery, and it made a south were aloned that the nearer we approached the safer does this mean?" he said, in a voice of entrenty. "Surely you do not mean to does this mean?" he said, in a voice of entrenty. "Surely you do not mean to woods in the darkness and storm?"

"Yes," she said.

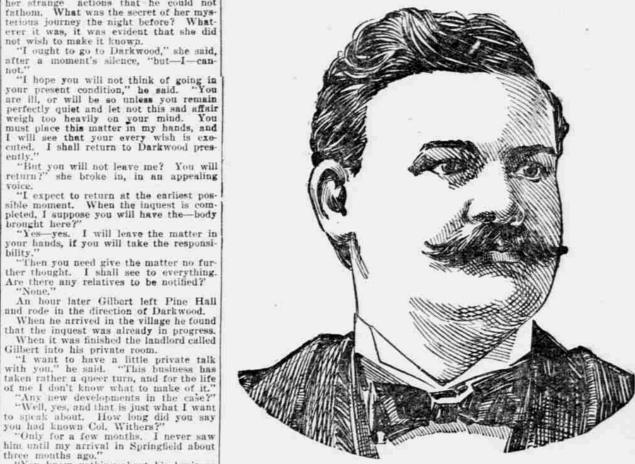
"Yes," she said.

"Agnes! In the name of Heaven, what does this mean?" he said, in a voice of entrenty. "Surely you do not mean to woods in the darkness and storm?"

"Yes," but—let us not talk about it—let us not talk about it—it is not lake about it—it is not lake about it—it is not talk about it—it is not always and if leannot think of something else."

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affairs, then?

"Nothing more than that I understand, from a private conversation with him, that he was a broker in New Orleans before he retired from active business."

"That confirms what we have since learned. You don't know of any living relatives except his niece, Miss Bennington?"

"I never heard of any other."

"Well, we have learned that there is a brother in Australia, Felix Withers. In the effects of the Colonel were found life insurance policies to the amount of \$50.

ing of some game a few days before, now recognized the fair masquerader as none other than Miss Agnes Bennington, of Pine Hall." Gilbert started to his feet, pale and agitated.

ited Pine Hall for the purpose of dispos-

agitated.

"Can it be possible! My God!" he eried, staggering forward and clutching at the back of his chair for support.

"Yes, it is all too true," went on the landlord, with a melancholy shake of the head. "She confessed her identity before she left the cabin, and a warrant, charging her with the murder of her uncle, has al-

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